

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POLICY-BASED PACKET
CLASSIFICATION

5 A method, apparatus, and computer implemented
instructions for processing a request in a data
processing system. The request is received. In response
to a first hash value being present within the request,
the first hash value is compared to a second hash value
that was computed locally, wherein the second hash value
10 represents a current policy configuration for assigning a
quality of service. In response to a match between the
first hash value and the second hash value, other
information in the request is used to establish a quality
of service for packets associated with the request.

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